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REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding Office Action mailed Nov. 27, 2002. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

Present Status of Patent Application

Claims 1-16 are presently pending in application. Claims 1, 6-9 and 14-16 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Lo et al. (US Patent No. 6,256,662, "Lo"). Claims 2-5 and 10-13 are objected but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any inverting claims. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Response to Claims Objected and Rejected

Claims 2-5 and 10-13 are objected but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any inverting claims.

In response thereto, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner of pointing out the allowed claims. The original claims 1-16 are cancelled, and the original claims 2-5 and 10-13 are rewritten into new claims 17-24 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any inverting claims.

It is believed that the foregoing amendments add no new matter to the present application. Applicants believe that these amendments place the claims in condition for allowance.

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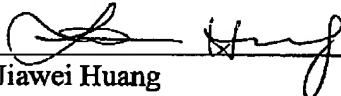
CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that all new claims 17-24 and are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned counsel to arrange for such a conference.

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